

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 7, as originally presented, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by US Weimer Patent 2,334,460. Reconsideration of the objection, as in may apply to the claims as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 3 and 7, as amended, define, in part, a bucket including a base, two spaced apart side walls and one central hoist trunnion attached to the base midway between the side walls.

None of the references teach or suggest, either alone or in combination, such a bucket. More particularly, the bucket of Weimer does not have a central hoist trunnion attached to the bucket base midway between the side walls of the bucket. Accordingly, the allowance of Claims 1, 2, 3 and 7 are requested.

Further, Claims 1, 2 and 3 further define the bucket and a rigging assembly including one hoist chain coupled to the central hoist trunnion. None of the references teach or suggest, either alone or in combination, such a bucket and rigging assembly. More particularly, the bucket of Weimer does not have one hoist chain coupled to a central hoist trunnion attached to a bucket base midway between bucket side walls. For this further reason, the allowance of Claims 1, 2, and 3 are requested.

Further, Claim 4 defines, in part, a rigging assembly including spaced apart first and second hoist sockets, a hoist chain adapted to be attached to a bucket, a link including a two ends and a central section, means for pivotally attaching the first hoist socket to one link end and means for pivotally attaching the second hoist socket to the other link end, and means for pivotally attaching the hoist chain to the link central section. None of the references teach or suggest,

either alone or in combination, such a bucket rigging assembly. More particularly, the bucket rigging assembly of Weimer does not include means for pivotally attaching a hoist chain, adapted to be attached to a bucket, to a link central section. Accordingly, the allowance of Claim 4 is requested.

So the allowance of Claims 1 through 4 and 7 and the issuance of the application are respectfully requested.

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